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MIXED FABRIC DISH TOWELS NEED GENTLE LAUNDERING

In buying dish towels of mixed fiber, usually cotton, rayon, and linen, homemakers do well to ask how much rayon there is in the mixture. If not laundered too severely, mixed fabric dish towels with less than 45 percent rayon will last well, says _____.

Dish towels have to be laundered often, but rayon "can't take it" when it comes to severe laundering. The U. S. Bureau of Home Economics recently tested 32 dish towels by 2 laundering methods. All the towels were made from a mixture of 45 percent spun rayon, 38 percent cotton, and 17 percent linen. Seven out of 20 towels washed by the severe method were worn out and discarded before the end of the test. All 12 of those washed by the mild process were still in use after 50 washings.

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RECEIVING SHELF A SAFETY MEASURE

A receiving shelf near the top and bottom approach to the stairway for articles to be carried upstairs or down, saves unnecessary stair climbing and prevents many home accidents, says _____. Of course such a shelf should not jut out over the stairs. A niche in the wall at the side of the stairs might serve the same purpose without obstructing the stairway.

Many homemakers have the habit of collecting odds and ends on the top or bottom step until a good-sized load has accumulated. Then they carry the articles up - or down - in a double armful. Stair climbing with arms full is obviously dangerous, while articles left on the stairs may cause a tragic stumble.

Receiving shelves in the hall or approach to the stairs at the top and bottom of the flight may be hinged to drop against the wall when not in use.

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